SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5228**

8			4		7			
			2			9	3	6
				6			7	
						5		9
	9					8		7
7		1			8	6	2	
	7							4
2	8			9	3	1		
	3	6			1			

TRICKY **B5228**

2		5		6				
		6				8		1
			2					9
		8				3		
4	7		5		2			
	5	3		4				
			1					
7		2		8	4	6		
		4			6			

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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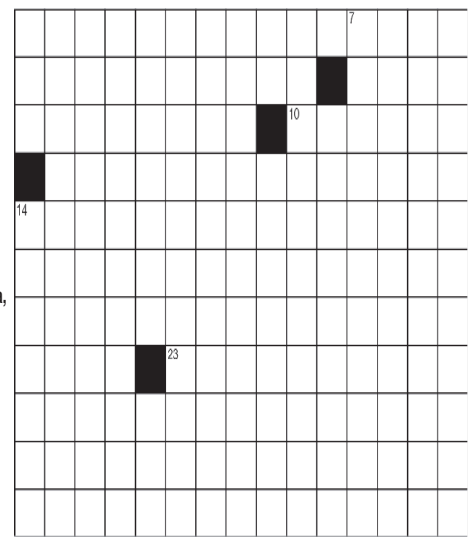
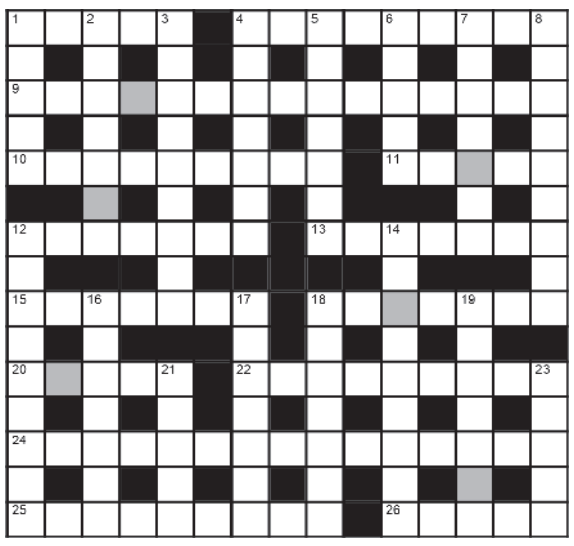
THE SKELETON CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 A piece of paper faces us
4 Turkey to stuff? Goody!
7 This repeats, all right (Hyphenated)
9 Capital of a country introduced to cheers
10 Listen to nurse at first
11 Short month on a key island
14 A castle chilled, it's said
15 Australian crook, note (girl criminal)
16 Tin opener opening twice as well
17 An American soldier and poet making trouble
20 Old golfer quit grabbing new driver
23 Dash around a city in Egypt
25 Dress left visible behind mangle
26 Having to be paid and housed
27 Creep observed getting hides
28 Space absorbs an unknown astronomer
29 A line repeated by closer friend

DOWN
2 Cooler employee?
3 Strong leaders with support
4 Town centre of concern with surrounding grass area
5 Lawman hearing organ play dismissing the song
6 Follow beginner to tapas bar
7 Composer enjoying overture from day one
8 Alas, one mixed with isn't great
12 Old Mexican or Arizonan sleuth, perhaps
13 Wine capital of South America, German agreed
18 Suggest adding second character to story
19 Nippers het up about trouble that ends
21 Many evildoers start to make amends
22 Parrot with noisy wings in another country
24 Little root of noteworthy plant



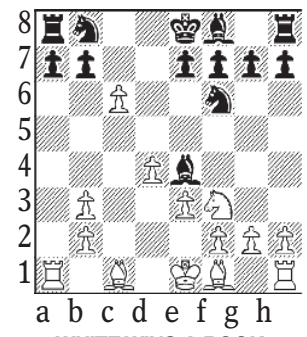
THE SQUIRE'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Fed up (5)
4 Pre-empt (9)
9 Grimm fairy tale (15)
10 Change the form or substance of (9)
11 Excitement (5)
12 Strike a chord (3,4)
13 Nonsense (7)
15 Reflections (7)
18 Brief extract (7)
20 Unsuitable (5)
22 Invade a party etc. (9)
24 Henri ___, French painter (8-7)
25 Residences (9)
26 Lock of hair (5)

DOWN
1 Pop (5)
2 Flourishing excessively (7)
3 Rebuke (5,4)
4 Crevice (7)
5 Attire (7)
6 Located (5)
7 Fiddly (7)
8 Facial feature (9)
12 Clumsy (3-6)
14 French battle in 1415 (9)
16 Written law (7)
17 Punches the clock (5,2)
18 Resolves (7)
19 Flat grassland in North America (7)
21 Norse dwarf or giant (5)
23 Scribblers (5)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A ROOK
HINT: Or a new queen.

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
DISSEMBLED

(DISSEMBLED: dih-SEM-beld: Hid under a false appearance.)

AVERAGE MARK 37 WORDS
Time limit 60 minute
Can you find 57 or more words in DISSEMBLED?

RULES OF THE GAME:
1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.
The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

YESTERDAY'S WORD — MONAURAL

mana	mourn	amour	lama
manor	mural	aroma	loam
manual	oral	aura	loan
marl	norm	aural	loran
maul	normal	ulna	lorn
moan	alarm	unarm	lunar
molar	alum	roam	
moral	alumna	roan	
morn	amoral	ruana	

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
PTCL Complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111- 001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

TELEWORD

By David Ouellet

A	M	Y	W	O	N	Y	T	I	N	E	R	E	S	L
R	I	X	O	B	H	S	A	R	C	W	E	E	W	U
T	C	C	X	O	U	S	I	I	O	G	D	I	A	A
H	S	O	I	F	R	U	S	H	R	N	N	R	A	P
U	K	S	N	L	I	A	S	O	Y	E	A	L	G	E
R	O	T	D	E	A	N	E	L	Q	E	L	E	A	L
E	O	A	L	C	L	G	I	U	M	E	O	K	T	H
D	B	N	A	S	I	L	E	T	B	N	O	I	S	A
N	E	Z	R	L	A	E	A	S	Y	N	Z	N	O	M
A	N	A	E	U	N	Y	E	O	M	A	E	T	E	O
X	J	D	G	S	L	N	W	I	L	L	I	A	M	C
E	A	H	G	O	A	N	I	L	N	I	U	Q	A	T
L	M	N	R	L	T	A	K	E	F	I	V	E	C	I
A	I	R	P	O	R	T	D	L	E	F	N	I	E	S
K	N	A	M	R	O	H	C	N	A	N	O	S	A	J

HOW TO PLAY:

All the words above appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and circle their letters. The leftover letters spell the Teleword.

JERRY STILLER **SOLUTION: 7 LETTERS**

Airport, Alexander, Amy, Anchorman, Anne, Arthur, Bella, Benjamin, Books, Cameos, Costanza, Crashbox, Deli, Ella Olivia, Galicia, George, Gerald, Isaac, Jason, King, Laugh, Lynde, Meara, Nike, Paul, Pelham, Planes, Queens, Quinlin, Rush, Seinfeld, Serenity Now, Show, Sitcom, Stag, Take Five, Taylor, Team, William, Wine, Xfinity, Zoolander **Answer: Cousins**

METRO EVENTS

DANCE

A dance show as part of the World Culture Festival is held at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm.

BREAST CANCER

A breast cancer awareness session, in the light of prophetic teachings, is organised by the Yum Yum Squad, at Prestige Ballroom, 3rd floor, B-100, North Nazimabad, at 1pm.

MEDICAL CAMP

A diabetes and medical camp is organised at the Baqai Institute of Diabetology & Endocrinology, Nazimabad No. 2, from 9am to 4pm.

MUSIC

A live performance by Niraj Kishore is held at Creek Walk, DHA Phase 8, at 9:30pm.

A musical performance by Saif Ali Khan is held at Port Grand at 8pm.

A 'Music Master Class' by Lucy Tasker from Belgium, is organised as part of the World Culture Festival, at Studio 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 5pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

***** This is a high-energy day for you. You're full of boisterous impulses. You might want to discuss future travel plans or issues related to medicine, the law or higher education. When the Moon is in your sign you are favored! Tonight: You win! This Week: Your urge to travel is growing!

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Today the energy might feel restless. Guard against impulsive spending. Keep a low profile and protect your privacy; nevertheless, discussions about taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property could be fruitful. Tonight: Privacy. This Week: Settle old differences about shared property.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

***** This is a pleasant, upbeat day! Conversations with friends and groups will be spontaneous and to the point. You might entertain innovative ideas. Discussions with partners and members of the general public will go well. Tonight: Friendships. This Week: Be patient with partners, because ex-partners might reappear.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

***** You look good to authority figures today. In turn, you might be surprised at a sudden change of instruction or mandate from a boss. Tonight: You're admired. This Week: You're swinging into work mode! Look out world!

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

***** Travel plans might suddenly change today. Likewise, plans related to publishing, higher education, medicine or the law also might be delayed or canceled. Accept invitations to socialize! Tonight: Explore! This Week: You're energetic and competitive, and you want to do your own thing.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

***** Family discussions will go well today. In fact, you might be eager to begin some home repairs. It might be wise to stock the fridge because unexpected company could appear at your door. Tonight: Check your finances. This Week: Expect increased chaos and activity at home.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Short trips, discussions with others and a chance to see new faces and new places will make this an exciting day for you. You're in a sociable mood, and quite likely you will meet someone unusual or different. Tonight: Cooperate. This Week: A faster pace with short trips, visits and conversations!

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

***** You're high-energy! Discussions about cash flow, earnings and possessions might yield a few surprises, especially if they are related to your job. An unexpected advantage might come your way. If so, act quickly. Tonight: Work. This Week: You're working hard to boost your earnings. (And spending!)

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Accept invitations to socialize today. You'll enjoy conversing with others because you feel chatty and eager to engage with someone. Parents should keep an eye on their kids, to keep them safe from accidents.) Tonight: Play! This Week: Choose exercise and outdoor activities to handle this new burst of energy!

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Although this is a popular time for you, you might want to relax at home. A home appliance might break down. Tonight: Cocoon. This Week: Your popularity continues, along with your desire for privacy.

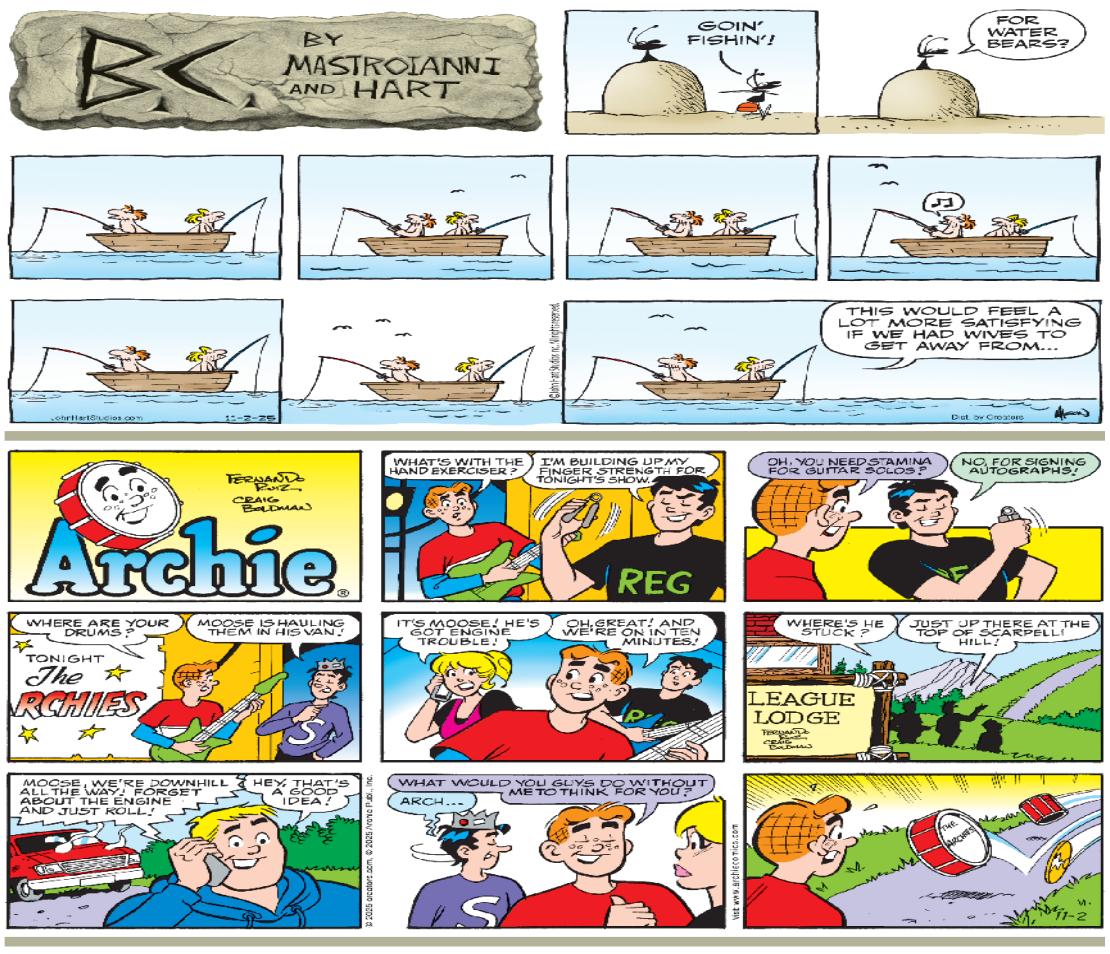
AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

***** Enjoy the company of others today. Spontaneous get-togethers will be enlightening and informative. You'll be convincing if you need to be heard. An exchange with someone younger might benefit you. Tonight: Discussions. This Week: Coordinate your needs with others. Set some goals.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Keep an eye on your money, cash flow and your possessions today. Something unexpected might impact your wealth. Meanwhile, bosses and authority figures might be impressed with your moneymaking ideas or a recent purchase. Tonight: Check your belongings. This Week: Your ambition to achieve is aroused!

THE METRO FUNNIES


BC
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
GOIN' FISHIN'!
FOR WATER BEARS?
THIS WOULD FEEL A LOT MORE SATISFYING IF WE HAD WIVES TO GET AWAY FROM...
Archie
WHAT'S WITH THE HAND EXERCISER?
I'M BUILDING UP MY FINGER STRENGTH FOR TONIGHT'S SHOW.
REG
OH, YOU NEED STAMINA FOR GUITAR SOLOS?
NO, FOR SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS!
WHERE ARE YOUR DRUMS?
MOOSE IS HAULING THEM IN HIS VAN!
TONIGHT The RCHIES
IT'S MOOSE! HE'S GOT ENGINE TROUBLE!
OH, GREAT! AND WE'RE ON IN TEN MINUTES!
WHERE'S HE STUCK?
JUST UP THERE AT THE TOP OF SCARPELLI HILL!
LEAGUE LODGE
MOOSE, WE'RE DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY! FORGET ABOUT THE ENGINE AND JUST ROLL!
HEY, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
WHAT WOULD YOU GUYS DO WITHOUT ME TO THINK FOR YOU?
ARCH...
Wizard of Id
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
BORING
MY MESSAGE, EXCELLENT!
HERE YOU GO
WHAT THE...?
NO! WAIT!
WHAT HAPPENED, SIRE?
ACCIDENTALLY HIT 'REPLY ALL'

PENTALETTA

S		I
	F	
E		T

Can you find 18 or more words containing only the five letters shown on the left? Each word must include the letter in the centre, in this case F, and must contain at least four letters, but there is no limit on the number of times you can use a letter in any word. Your list should include an accepting eight-letter word.

(Solution: next Sunday)

Average mark: 17 words • **Good:** 22 words
Excellent: 26 words • **Incredible:** 29 words

LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTION:

detest, detests, sestet, sestets, sets, sett, setts, settee, settees, steed, steeds, stet, stew, stewed, stews, sweet, sweetest, sweets, teds, teed, tees, test, tested, testes, tests, tsetse, tsetses, twee, tweed, tweeds, tweet, tweeted, tweets, west, wests, wets, wetted, wettest.
The clued word was: DETESTED

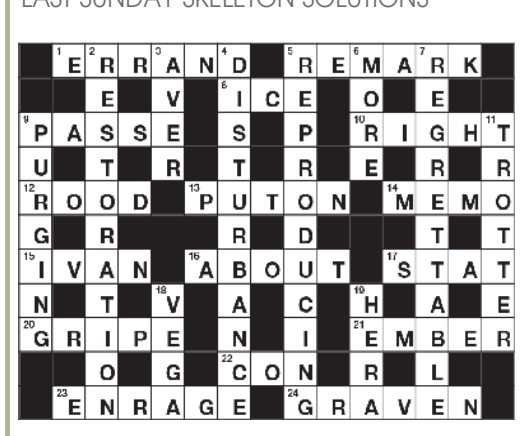
LAST SUNDAY SQUIRE'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Dupes, 4 Garlanded, 9 Term of affection, 10 Serengeti, 11 Tibia, 12 Layered, 13 Harvest, 15 Vanilla, 18 Meander, 20 Tweak, 22 Outwitted, 24 Collective nouns, 25 Sidesteps, 26 Dusty.

Down: 1 Dates, 2 Portray, 3 Scoundrel, 4 Go-ahead, 5 Raffish, 6 Ascot, 7 Dribble, 8 Doncaster, 12 Leviticus, 14 Realigned, 16 Needled, 17 Apostle, 18 Motives, 19 Detours, 21 Knees, 23 Dishy.

Prize word: Street

LAST SUNDAY SKELETON SOLUTIONS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E V 8 I C E O E
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T R T R E R R
12 R O O D 13 P U T O N 14 M E M O
G R R D T T
15 I V A N 16 A B O U T 17 S T A T
N T 18 V A C H A E
20 G R I P E N I 21 E M B E R
O G 22 C O N R L
23 E N R A G E 24 G R A V E N

TODAY'S SOLUTIONS

CHESS

1. Rxa7! If 1. ... Rxa7, 2. c7! (with a new queen to follow) [Komoltsv-Arjanov 1964].

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

Quick — A5227

4	2	8	5	1	7	6	9	3
3	7	6	2	9	8	5	4	1
5	9	1	4	3	6	7	8	2
1	3	5	6	8	2	4	7	9
9	6	4	7	5	3	2	1	8
2	8	7	9	4	1	3	6	5
6	4	3	8	2	9	1	5	7
7	1	9	3	6	5	8	2	4
8	5	2	1	7	4	9	3	6

Tricky — B5227

2	5	4	1	9	6	3	7	8
7	9	8	5	3	2	1	4	6
1	3	6	7	4	8	9	5	2
6	7	9	2	5	3	8	1	4
8	4	5	9	7	1	6	2	3
3	2	1	8	6	4	7	9	5
5	6	7	4	8	9	2	3	1
9	8	2	3	1	5	4	6	7
4	1	3	6	2	7	5	8	9

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

The percentage play

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 2
♠ A 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 10 5

WEST
♠ 5 3
♠ Q 10 7 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ Q 8 3

EAST
♠ A 8 7 4
♠ J 8 2
♦ Q 7
♣ J 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 6
♠ K 9 3
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ K 9 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead -- six of hearts.

Deciding which suit to attack first is often the key to success or failure of a contract.

Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump. South is immediately faced with the question of whether to win the opening lead, and, if so, in which hand.

Let's say he follows the best course of allowing East to win the opening heart lead with the jack, and that East returns a heart to dummy's ace.

Declarer must now decide whether to lead a spade to force out the ace, or whether to lead a diamond from dummy in order to take the first of two diamond finesses.

In the actual case, this is a critical decision, since if South attacks spades at trick three, he goes down, while if he attacks diamonds first, he makes the contract. Once West's king of diamonds is dislodged, his hearts are no longer a factor, and South finishes with 10 tricks.

It is easy to prove that playing a diamond at trick three is much better than playing a spade. The only time the spade play wins is when West has the ace of spades and neither diamond honor. As opposed to that, attacking diamonds first wins whenever West's only entry is a diamond honor -- and there are two ways he can hold a diamond honor as opposed to only one way he can hold a spade honor. The odds are thus 2-to-1 in favor of attacking diamonds initially rather than spades.

Of course, if West started with the ace of spades and one of the diamond honors, as well as five hearts, no line of play will succeed.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:46pm	05:18pm	05:52pm	05:15pm	05:23pm	05:49pm
Sunrise	06:34am	06:25am	06:39am	06:18am	06:32am	06:43am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	17	32	Sunny	67	17	31	Sunny	16	29	Sunny
Hyderabad	19	35	Partly Cloudy	40	18	36	Sunny	17	36	Sunny
Islamabad	14	29	Sunny	57	16	28	Sunny	13	25	Th-Storms
Lahore	18	31	Mainly Sunny	57	18	31	Sunny	17	30	Sunny
Multan	17	32	Sunny	66	17	31	Sunny	17	30	Sunny
Peshawar	15	29	Mainly Sunny	67	15	28	Sunny	12	21	Showers
Quetta	7	22	Sunny	33	7	21	Sunny	3	16	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.